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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of February 9, 2006. The period for response has been extended by two (2) months to July 9, 2006 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time.

Listing of the Claims. A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper. None of the claims has been amended.

Remarks/Arguments. Remark/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.